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HELSINKI FOR CAT DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PCAT, PARM, US, XA, UR
SUBJECT: US-SOVIET CONVENTIONAL ARMS TALKS: AFRICA

REF STATE 178349

1. REFTEL, SENT INFO ONLY KIGALI, VERY MUCH RELEVANT TO REPEATED GOR REQUESTS FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE TURNED DOWN GOR REQUEST FOR FY 79 ASSISTANCE, PARTLY ON BASIS OF OUR DESIRE TO REDUCE US CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS TO AFRICA AND AVOID UNDER-TAKING NEW ASSISTANCE COMMITMENTS. DESPITE NEGATIVE US RESPONSE, GOR UNTIL RECENTLY PERSISTED IN ITS APPEAL, CITING RECENT SOVIET/CUBAN "ADVANCES" IN THE HORN AND SHABA (IT HAS LATELY TURNED TO PRC FOR MILITARY HELP).

2. IN ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE GOR THAT WE ARE SINCERE IN OUR DESIRE TO REDUCE ARMS TRANSFERS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO PRJFIDENT HABYARIMANA AT OUR NEXT MEETING, PROBABLY SOME TIME NEXT WEEK AFTER HIS RETURN FROM
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KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT. REFTEL TALKING POINTS ALSO PROVIDE AN OPENING TO PROBE RESULTS OF GOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC FOR MILITARY AID AS WELL AS OAU SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS OF PAN-AFRICAN PEACE FORCE.

3. MAY I HAVE AUTHORIZATION TO DISCUSS CAT TALKS AT HELSINKI WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA?

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